

I know that ConAgra is working to rebuild the plant, and I look forward to the day when the employees can return to their work. There's a great demand for the products that ConAgra is producing in Garner, and I am pleased that these snacks and other food products are made in the Second District of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, let us remember those who we have lost and be thankful for those who were saved. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families and the entire ConAgra community because they are suffering.

On Friday night I participated in a vigil in Garner to remember and honor the victims. I was honored to attend and pleased with the tremendous outpouring of support.

At 11:30 tomorrow, exactly 1 week after the accident, Mayor Williams, the city of Garner, and all the community will join together with other individuals in other communities who were touched by the accident in a moment of silence to commemorate this disaster. I hope that we will have Congress' voice represented there with the passage of this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support this important and necessary and timely resolution.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I will continue to reserve.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to another colleague from North Carolina, Mr. PRICE.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join colleagues here today in offering condolences to the families and friends and coworkers of Barbara McLean Spears, Louis Junior Watson and Rachel Mae Poston Pulley, the three workers who tragically lost their lives in an explosion at the ConAgra plant in Garner, North Carolina on June 9.

This area, Garner, North Carolina, is an area that I formerly represented as their Congressman. It's now represented by our colleague, BOB ETHERIDGE; and I want to thank BOB for sponsoring this resolution here today and enabling us to come together in this time of tribute.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of the victims, but also to the 40 other ConAgra employees who were injured in this plant's explosion and collapse. Some of them have severe burns. They have other serious injuries. We wish them a successful recovery, and we thank the medical providers, including the Burn Center at UNC Chapel Hill, who are doing so much to treat these victims.

Often it does take a tragedy like the ConAgra explosion to publicly highlight the courageous work of our first responders. We commend those who responded to this explosion. There are many stories of bravery that prevented further injury or loss of life. The firefighters, the police, the emergency medical services of Garner and Wake County and many surrounding commu-

nities that heeded the call to rescue the ConAgra plant employees in a quick and safe manner. So we're very indebted to them and grateful to them. These first responders put us first, put our communities first every day.

There are also many private citizens who risked their lives helping plant employees evacuate, who gave selfless assistance to their suffering neighbors. That's a testament to the character and the strength of Garner's community.

The ConAgra plant, as my colleague, Mr. ETHERIDGE, has said, is a cornerstone of the Garner and Wake County community. It was built as a sausage plant nearly 50 years ago. As we move forward, remembering the victims of this tragedy, and the way that this plant provided the livelihood for so many people, we do hope the plant is rebuilt, and that employees can return to work. And we're heartened that such plans seem to be under way.

We do need to remain vigilant, of course, in our efforts to improve workplace safety. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has concluded their investigation, finding, fortunately, no evidence of criminal intent. The Chemical Safety Board investigation is ongoing. We need to get to the bottom of this. We need to understand what happened; and we need, of course, to adopt practices and policies that lead to safer facilities in the future and avoid this kind of tragedy.

So, Mr. Speaker, in closing, we honor the memories of those that we have lost, give thanks for those who have been spared, and join in sympathy for the victims and their families.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I would just urge my colleagues to support the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume and thank my colleagues from North Carolina for bringing this tragedy to our attention and giving us the opportunity to convey our condolences.

I urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, 540.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. LEE of California) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2847, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-155) on the resolution (H. Res. 544) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2346, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-156) on the resolution (H. Res. 545) providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2346) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Resolution 430; H.R. 2325; H.R. 729; and House Resolution 540, in each case by the yeas and nays.

Remaining postponed suspension votes will be taken later in the week.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to